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FOR: METHOD OF DIAGNOSING LUBRICATED PORTION AND SYSTEM OF  
DIAGNOSING LUBRICATED PORTION

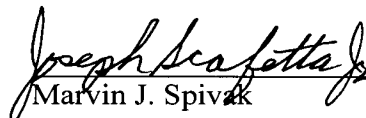
**REQUEST FOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

This application qualifies for small entity status.

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